

## Historical Floods: Potomac River at Paw Paw, Maryland

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Flood Stage: 25 ft

Period of Record: 1877-Present

Last Flood: 5/19/2011

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Number of Floods: 40

Date of Flood	Crest (ft)	Streamflow (cfs)	Category	Code
11/24/1877	45.00	-9,999	Major	C1 C8
6/1/1889	45.00	-9,999	Major	C1 C8
5/13/1924	43.50	-9,999	Major	C1 C8
5/1/1928	31.40	-9,999	Moderate	C1
3/18/1936	54.00	240,000	Major	C1
2/4/1939	28.20	66,100	Moderate	C1
5/23/1942	26.98	58,500	Minor	none
10/16/1942	38.36	111,000	Major	none
12/30/1942	26.52	56,500	Minor	none
6/19/1949	33.91	85,200	Major	none
6/14/1951	25.87	53,400	Minor	none
3/2/1954	25.06	50,300	Minor	none
10/16/1954	32.24	78,100	Major	none
8/19/1955	35.35	91,600	Major	none
3/31/1960	25.36	51,400	Minor	none
5/9/1960	28.27	62,300	Moderate	none
3/22/1962	27.01	57,500	Minor	none
3/20/1963	31.48	75,000	Moderate	none
4/30/1964	25.70	52,700	Minor	none
3/8/1967	30.24	70,000	Moderate	none
6/23/1972	28.83	64,500	Moderate	none

12/28/1973	26.41	55,300	Minor	none
3/20/1975	27.66	59,900	Minor	none
10/10/1976	30.52	71,100	Moderate	none
3/15/1978	26.43	54,900	Minor	none
2/26/1979	29.13	65,300	Moderate	none
4/25/1983	25.08	49,900	Minor	none
2/15/1984	27.54	59,000	Minor	none
4/5/1984	25.79	52,500	Minor	none
11/5/1985	53.58	235,000	Major	none
3/20/1986	27.86	54,600	Minor	none
4/17/1987	25.93	53,000	Minor	none
4/17/1993	30.62	71,300	Moderate	none
1/20/1996	40.86	122,000	Major	none
9/7/1996	43.45	140,000	Major	none
9/20/2003	27.91	60,500	Minor	none
3/29/2005	27.39	58,500	Minor	none
5/5/2009	25.94	53,100	Minor	none
3/14/2010	29.11	65,200	Moderate	none
5/19/2011	28.67	63,400	Moderate	none

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-9999 signifies missing data

### MARFC Codes

Code	Description
C1	Crest information looks unreliable and incomplete and not used in frequency calculations. Some of the floods are based on current flood stage and nearby gage information.
C2	Crest information looks reliable despite potential problems. This data was used in frequency calculations.
C3	Crest height estimated by the USGS.
C4	Crest height is from the National Weather Service.
C5	Crest height affected by backwater.
C6	Crest occurred at a previous flood stage that is lower than the current flood stage. The crests below the new flood stage are not used in flood frequency calculations.
C7	Crest from USGS yearly peak and/or date is different than the crest we provide. In many cases MARFC uses crest based on backwater or ice effects. Crest month or day of occurrence has been estimated by The Middle Atlantic River Forecast Center usually based on nearby gage information.
C8	Crest date (day) in the month is unknown.
C9	Flow is an estimate.
F1	Flow affected by regulation or diversion and in some cases to an unknown degree.
F2	Flow effected by snow-melt, ice jam or debris jam break up.
F3	Flow affected by dam failure.
F4	Flow - All or part of the record affected by urbanization, mining, agricultural changes, channelization or other factors.
F5	Gage height at a different site and/or datum.
G1	Gage is not an official USGS gage with crests provided by the NWS. Crest information looks unreliable and incomplete and not used in flood frequency calculations.
G2	Gage datum changed during this year.

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